



# First Christian Reformed Church

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The purpose of First Church in Sarnia is: **LOVE SHARE CARE**

The love of God is celebrated.

The love of God is shared.

The love of God mobilizes us to care.

## Sunday, August 29, 2010

Welcome! We're glad you came! As we gather on this Lord's Day, we come to bring our praise to our great God. We also come to receive spiritual strength and guidance for the week ahead of us, as well as a place to have fellowship with other believers. If you are a guest here today, we extend a warm welcome to you, and we pray that you will be blessed by your time spent here today. Please take a minute to sign our guest book in the entrance way, and, if we can be of further assistance, please ask the 'host couple', the pastor or the church office.

This evening, our combined service will again be held at Redeemer CRC at 6:30 pm. Pastor Henry will be bringing the message.

Following this morning's worship service, everyone is invited to join us out front, for a time of conversation, coffee, tea or juice. You can stay in the new foyer, or take your cup outside with you.

## Have a wonderful day!

**WEDDING BANNS:** Rachel D and Nathaniel V have expressed their desire to be united in marriage on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 1:30 pm, here in this church. If there are no legal objections, the ceremony will take place on that day. The congregation is invited to attend the ceremony to witness the exchange of vows. Please keep them in your prayers as they make final preparations for their special day.

### ~ MILESTONES: Happy birthday and God's blessings ~

Aug. 29	John S	Sept 4	Jonathan B
Aug 30	Tena H		Riek D
	Jamie K		MaryAnn D
	Mary R		Liz L
Aug 31	Rebecca P		Marg R
Sept 1	Connor B		Chad V
	Nathaniel S	Sept 5	Amanda J
Sept 2	Brize D		Maddison S
Sept 3	Jocelynn P		Krista V
	Tanner S	Sept 8	Marnie R
	Sara V	Sept 9	John B
			Kim V
			Melanie M
		Sept 11	Andrew D

**Redeemer~** Liz V was able to return to Vision Care following her stay in the Bluewater Hospital.

Please pray also for Henk and Sia V, George and Coos V, Joan D and John V.

**Living Hope~ change of address:** Ali K, 1370 L'Heritage Dr., Suite 238 Sarnia, N7S 6H8. Same phone number: 519-383-7625

### OUR GIFTS WE BRING

**Today:** **A.M:** 1. Ministry Shares 2. Refugee Fund

**Next Sunday** **A.M:** 1. Ministry Shares 2. CRWRC Pakistan Relief Efforts

### ~Deacon's Corner~

Our second offering this morning is for the Refugee Fund. Presently we are supporting Emilce L and her daughters Ximena and Danna. Between the 4 area CR churches, we have to raise about \$2000.00 per month to cover the basic costs. This does not include medical and dental costs or unforeseen expenses.



**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S GALA FUNDRAISING DINNER, A MEDIEVAL FEAST, IS FAST APPROACHING!** Hours of work and planning have already gone into this event, for the sole purpose of raising funds to bus our children to LDCSS. As parents, we are so thankful for the tremendous support shown by this community in past years and pray that this will continue for the upcoming one. Whether you have been blessed with the resources to give much or little, we encourage you to come out on Saturday, September 25 for a wonderful evening of food, fun, fellowship and celebration of Christian secondary education. Seating is limited, so be sure to call or email to reserve your spot this week!

**LONDON DISTRICT CHRISTIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL:** The 2010-2011 school year is just around the corner! As the new year begins, we at London District Christian Secondary School look to the Christian community for the prayer support we realize is needed as we undertake this great mission of educating our young people. Please remember us in your prayers as we begin a new school year on Tuesday, September 7. We would also like to invite all parents and interested community members to join us for our opening assembly on Wednesday, September 8th at 9:00 a.m. in the school gym. This is always an exciting time of praise, dedication and reflection as we begin another year of integrating Christian faith, learning and living for a life of service. We hope you can join us.

**Support Christian education on the greens!**

Spots are filling quickly for the 9th Annual Sarnia Christian School Golf Classic, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Bonnie Doon Golf & Country Club in Camlachie.

Sign up your foursome for only \$500, which includes 18 holes of great golfing with two power carts and AAA-steak dinners at the clubhouse!

Great sponsorship opportunities are still available – please ask us about the new value-added benefits for 2010!

To register or sponsor, contact either Darren Hakker (519-383-8316) or Chad Dreise (519-344-8653) or email them at [golf@sarniachristian.com](mailto:golf@sarniachristian.com). Space is limited!



**HARMONY FOR YOUTH:** 1st annual Welcome Registration BBQ on Saturday, September 14th, 2010, at the Harmony Center, 251 Campbell Street. For more information, call the center at (519)336-0344.

**ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:** Are you are going to be studying at a college or university out of town? If you notify the office, we can put you in touch with the campus pastor or church in that area. If you would like to receive the weekly church bulletin via e-mail, please leave us your email address as well.

**COMMON GROUND: TWENTYSOMETHINGS AT LONDON FIRST CRC:** Coming to study or work in London this fall? Check out London First CRC at 10 a.m. on Sundays. On Sept. 12th, come to 513 Talbot St. for the service and after the service meet other twentysomethings. On Sept. 19th, come to 75 Blackfriars for worship, our temporary location (as we start renovations on Talbot St) and join in the church picnic afterwards. On Sept. 26, after worship, come to the Common Ground kick-off BBQ lunch at pastor Willemina & Chaplain Kelly's house. For more info contact: [wzwart@londonfirstcrc.ca](mailto:wzwart@londonfirstcrc.ca)

**COMING TO WATERLOO IN THE FALL?** If you are a new or returning university or college student coming to the Waterloo area, please join us on September 12 for our special "welcome to the students" Sunday. You and your parents and friends are welcome to join us for lunch after the service. Get to know the people in our church, our pastor, Vicki Cok, and Chaplain Brian Bork. The service will be held at Waterloo CRC on 209 Bearinger Ave in Waterloo at 10:30 am. We hope to see you there!

**STUDYING AT FANSHAWE THIS FALL?** There is lots of free food, help and great connections at Fanshawe through Chaplains Services...(Room D2030). Meet Chaplain Kelly along with other students at London First's student "kick-off" Common Ground event on Sept. 26. Facebook the chaplain for information, care and help @ Kelly Sibthorpe or [sibthorpek@rogers.com](mailto:sibthorpek@rogers.com) (519)-675-1976

**NEXT!** is a bold attempt to bring together three groups of people in dialogue around the topic of intergenerational missions. How can Pastors, Youth Pastors & Workers, and Missions Committee Members & Enthusiasts all work together to develop global and local outreach that is integrated, intergenerational, and intentional? Come and help create an action plan for doing intergenerational missions well. Everyone is welcome. Everyone needs to be heard.

**Date: October 30, 2010 Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m**  
**Location: Ivanrest Christian Reformed Church - Grandville, MI**  
3777 Ivanrest Ave. SW Grandville, MI 49418

We are investigating the possibility of chartering a bus to drive us there and back. The bus would start in Toronto, follow the 403, and stop at various points to pick up passengers. For this to be viable we would need to fill the bus. So, if you are interested in using the bus call us or email us as soon as possible, certainly before September 3.

**THE BIBLE LEAGUE:** Church Planters in Romania do much of their work in gypsy (Roma) communities. These are often depressed squatter communities where clothes are still washed by hand and outdoor toilets are standard. Unemployment and lack of education are everyday realities for those born into the gypsy life. By reaching children with Children’s clubs, and adults with Bible-based literacy classes, church planters make huge inroads into the community. Worship groups are a natural result of these efforts. Praise God for receptive hearts and willing workers. [www.bibleleague.ca](http://www.bibleleague.ca)

**DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRIES**

**GROUNDWORK** - Right With God? The Bible tells us that in Christ we are accepted and made right with God, but how does it all work? Can we ever be sure that we are truly saved? Tune in to Groundwork - find a local radio station or listen online at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com).

**KIDS CORNER** - Goopy Goop Soup: Liz’s neighbors are being really nasty to him. What should he do? Help Liz decide how to handle mean neighbors on this week’s Kids Corner. Kids Corner is a member of the HisKids.net alliance--working together to provide quality entertainment for kids that is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Visit HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

**POSITION OPENING** - The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) is seeking a new Director of Home Missions. Home Missions plays a vital role in the CRCNA’s mission through multiplying new churches and campus ministries, cultivating diverse leaders and helping churches discern their place in God’s mission. Visit [www.crcna.org/pages/opportunities.cfm](http://www.crcna.org/pages/opportunities.cfm) for job description; to apply send cover letter and resume to [hmsearch@crcna.org](mailto:hmsearch@crcna.org) by Sept. 30.

**VOLUNTEER WITH CRWM IN UGANDA!** - CRWM is seeking an individual to serve for one year as a Dairy Farm Manager. Responsibilities include training a local dairy farmer to assume the role of manager, working with CRWM’s ministry partner to develop a community transformation curriculum, and teaching an introductory course on dairy farming. For information about the “Farming in Faith” project in Uganda, visit [http://www.crcna.org/pages/crwm\\_farming\\_in\\_faith.cfm](http://www.crcna.org/pages/crwm_farming_in_faith.cfm). Visit [www.crcna.org/servicelink](http://www.crcna.org/servicelink) for more information on the volunteer position.

**RIDE YOUR BIKE, HELP THE HUNGRY** - This October you can ride your bike for CRWRC in Ride for Refuge, a fund raising bike-a-thon happening in cities across Canada. Bike routes range from 5 miles to 60; anyone can ride—just be sure to select “CRWRC – World Hunger” or “CRWRC – Disaster Response” as your nonprofit. Form a team as a church or start your own—hope you can ride with us! Go to [www.rideforrefuge.org](http://www.rideforrefuge.org) to learn more.

**CANADA TO MATCH PAKISTAN DONATIONS** - The Canadian government has announced that it will match (1:1) all private donations to registered Canadian charities, such as CRWRC, in support of relief efforts in Pakistan. The matching funds will be administered by CIDA. CRWRC will not directly receive the matching funds, but will be eligible to apply for them. Donations must be made between August 2 and September 12 and marked “Pakistan Flooding 2010”. Individuals are encouraged to make a donation by calling 1-800-730-3490, giving online at [www.crwrc.org/pakistan](http://www.crwrc.org/pakistan), or sending a cheque to CRWRC, 3475 Mainway, PO Box 5070 STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON, L7R 3Y8. For more information, visit [www.crwrc.org/pakistan](http://www.crwrc.org/pakistan).

**GOT MINISTRY QUESTIONS?** - There's a new website where people across the CRC are comparing notes, asking questions, and sharing ministry tips. It's called The Network and covers 51 ministry areas - deacons, treasurers, church nurseries, small groups, Sunday school, and much more. As we gear up for the fall, check out [www.crcna.org/network](http://www.crcna.org/network)

**CAMPUS MINISTRY** - Are you going to McMaster University or Mohawk College this fall? Mac CR-Campus Ministry students are having their Student BBQ on Sept. 19 1 -3 p.m. 734 Garner Rd E. (White house across the road from Redeemer U.C.. Park at Redeemer). Come on out and meet some other students. Check out our Events Calendar on our website at [www.re-creation.ca](http://www.re-creation.ca). For more info or a ride contact student leaders, Debra Koiter or Lisa Nightingale .

**VOLUNTEER WITH THE CRC!** - Current opportunities listed include a Guest Lecturer in Uganda with World Missions; a Children’s Program Assistant in Malawi and International Relief Managers with CRWRC. For details and a full list of other opportunities, please visit [www.crcna.org/servicelink](http://www.crcna.org/servicelink).

**...If we can be of assistance.....**

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